

## WALTER ALLEN'S DESCENDANTS.

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1. WALTER<sup>1</sup> ALLEN was in Newbury, Mass., in 1640, and possibly before (the town was incorporated in 1635), but moved to Watertown about 1652. In 1665 he sold his estate in the latter town and bought sixty acres near the Concord boundary in what was then called Watertown Farms, afterward the town of Weston. In 1669 he purchased 200 acres more in Watertown Farms. About 1673 he moved to Charlestown, where he died July 8, 1681, æ. 80. He took oath in 1677 that he was 76, so he must have been born about 1601. At his death he not only owned land in Watertown and Charlestown, but in Sudbury and Haverhill. The latter farm came into his possession in 1673 in payment of a debt due from Thomas Davis.

Walter Allen's occupation is variously given in the old records as "farmour," planter, haberdasher, shop-keeper, and once (1673) more specifically, as a "Haberdasher of Hatts." The inventory of his estate amounts to £3015, a goodly sum for those days. When he came to Watertown he had a wife Rebecca, who died ———, and he married in Charlestown, Nov. 29, 1678, Abigail Rogers.

Children of Walter and Rebecca, the first three born probably in England, the other two in Newbury:

- i. JOHN.
- ii. DANIEL.
- iii. JOSEPH.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 1, 1641.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 15, 1647.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> ALLEN (*Walter*<sup>1</sup>) lived in Newbury, Mass., until 1662, when he moved to Sudbury, where he died Dec. 1, 1711, probably about 80 years old. He was a tailor, perhaps *the* tailor of the town, though for a few years in the latter part of his life he had a competitor in Enoch Cleveland, youngest son of Moses Cleveland, of Woburn, the first American ancestor of President Cleveland. John Allen also had a farm, where he lived, in the part of Sudbury now Wayland.

Sudbury was attacked by the Indians during King Philip's War in 1676, and John Allen was one of the sufferers, his loss on a petition to the General Court being estimated at £60. In 1688 he was one of those who took the public stock of ammunition into their hands, a sort of minute man. It is probable that his son Thomas was killed during the first French and Indian War (King William's War, 1689), as John